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SUBJECT: ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES

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1. ONDA AND WATANABE OF JAPANESE DEL CALLED ON MISOFFS NOVEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS VARIETY OF MATTERS, INCLUDING ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES. ASIAN GROUP WILL BE MEETING DURING COURSE OF THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE FINAL SHAPE OF PROPOSAL WHICH THEIR INDIA/INDONESIA/UAE CONTACT GROUP WILL THEN PLACE BEFORE OTHER GROUPS INCLUDING, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE AFRICAN GROUP.

2. JAPANESE REAFFIRMED THAT THEIR EFFORT HAS BEEN TO LIMIT CURRENT ACTION SOUGHT FROM GA TO A REVISION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY'S GENERAL COMMITTEE. APPARENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS WITHIN THE ASIAN GROUP THAT THE LA AND WEO SHARES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM 1.5 FOR EACH TO 1.25 FOR EACH, WITH BENEFITS APPORTIONED AMONG THE TO-BE-SEPARATED ASIAN AND AFRICAN GROUPS; JAPANESE MUST HAVE COUNSELLED CAUTION, HOWEVER, FOR THEY REPORT ASIANS ARE NOW THINKING OF SEEKING A SMALLER REDUCTION IN THE  
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LA AND WEO GROUPS TO 1.33 EACH, AS REPORTED REFTEL B.

3. WE PRESSED ONDA AND WATANABE FAIRLY HARD FOR SOME ASSURANCE THAT ASIANS DO NOT CONTEMPLATE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES. THEIR REPLIES REVEAL THAT ON THE CONTRARY, WHILE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MAY BE THE FOCUS OF ASIAN GROUP EFFORTS AT

CURRENT SESSION, THE FEELING OF UNFAIR UNDER-REPRESENTATION IN ALL UN BODIES IS SUFFICIENTLY BROAD WITHIN THE ASIAN GROUP THAT ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES WITH RESPECT TO OTHER GA AND ECOSOC BODIES HAVE TO BE REGARDED AS INEVITABLE. JAPANESE SAID THAT THIS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO PLAY ITSELF OUT, HOWEVER, AND HOPED THAT US WOULD NOT WISH TO CONTEXT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION. TO THIS WE CONUNTERED THAT OTHER PRINCIPLES NEED ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, INCLUDING THE POSITION OF SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS AND THE PLAIN FACT THAT A PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIALIZED CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY LIKE JAPAN IS MORE THAN THE EQUAL OF A SMALL LDC WHICH CONTRIBUTES 0.02 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET AND CANNOT BE DEALT WITH AS IF IT WERE OF NO MORE IMPORTANCE.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE MEETING, WE LEARNED THAT ITEM 128, ASIAN ITEM, IS SCHEDULED TO COME UP IN SPC AM DECEMBER 2. THIS NO DOUBT MEANS THAT ASIAN GROUP WILL BE MEETING IMMEDIATELY TO FIX GROUP POSITION FOR DISCUSSION WITH OTHER GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS AND PRESENTATION IN THE SPC.

5. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY JAPANESE. NOTE: PARENTHESES INDICATE PROPOSAL CHANGES TO RESOLUTION 1990. QUOTE

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1990 (XVIII), OF 17 DECEMBER, 1963,  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS,  
TAKING ALSO INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE SO CONSTITUTED AS TO ENSURE ITS REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER.  
BELIEVING THAT FOR THOSE REASONS IT IS DESIRABLE TO ENLARGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE,  
BELIEVING ALSO THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE VICE-PRESIDENCIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMANSIPS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES SEPARATELY BETWEEN THE AFRICAN AND ASIAN STATES,  
NOTING THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES,  
1. DECIDES TO AMEND RULES 31 AND 38 OF ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE AS FOLLOWS:  
"RULE 31

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ELECT A PRESIDENT AND (NINETEEN)  
VICE-PRESIDENTS, WHO SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF  
THE SESSION AT WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS  
SHALL BE ELECTED, AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN OF  
THE SEVEN MAIN COMMITTEES REFERRED  
TO TO IN RULE 98 IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE THE  
REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE."

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"RULE 38

"THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SHALL COMPRISE THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHO SHALL PRESIDE, THE (NINETEEN)  
VICE-PRESIDENTS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SEVEN MAIN COMMITTEES.  
NO TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF  
THE SAME DELGATION, AND IT SHALL BE SO CONSTITUTED AS TO  
ENSURE ITS REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES  
UPON WHICH ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE RIFHT TO BE REPRESENTED  
AND WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET  
DURING THE SESSION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE  
GENERAL COMMITTEE AND MAY PARTICIPATE  
WITHOUT VITE IN THE DISCUSSION."

2. DECIDES TO REPLACE THE ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 1990 (XVII)  
BY THE ANNEX TO THE PRESENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE (NINETEEN)  
VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SEVEN CHAIRMEN  
OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES.

ANNEX

1.THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
REGARD SHALL BE HAD FOR EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL ROTATION  
OF THIS OFFICE AMONG THE REGIONS MENTIONED IN (PARAGRAPHS 2  
AND 4) BELOW.

2. THE (NINETEEN) VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE ELECTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PATTERN:  
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( (A) FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFRICAN STATES;  
(B) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASIAN STATES;  
(C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES;  
(D) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM LATIN AMERICAN STATES;  
(E) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN OR OTHER STATES;  
(F) FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. )  
3. THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING BY ONE THE NUMBER OF VICE-PRESIDENCIES ALLOCATED TO THE REGION FROM WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS ELECTED.  
4. THE SEVEN CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES SHALL BE ELECTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PATTERN:  
( (A) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFRICAN STATES;  
(B) ONE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASIAN STATES;  
(C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES;  
(D) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM LATIN AMERICAN STATES;  
(E) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN OR OTHER STATES.  
(F) THE SEVENTH CHAIRMEN-SHIP SHALL ROTATE AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES MENTIONED IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS (B),(D) AND (E), EVERY ALTERNATE YEAR FOR STATES MENTIONED IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (B), AND EVERY FOUR YEARS FOR STATES MENTIONED IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS (D) AND (E) RESPECTIVELY. )

4. ALTERNATIVE  
THE SEVEN CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES SHALL BE ELECTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PATTERNS:  
(A) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFRICAN STATES;  
(B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASIAN STATES;  
(C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES;  
(D) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM LATIN AMERICAN STATES;  
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(E) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN OR OTHER STATES.  
(F) THE SEVENTH CHAIRMAN-SHIP SHALL ROTATE EVERY THREE YEARS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES MENTIONED IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS (B),(D)AND (E). UNQUOTE  
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